

	APPROVED MINUTES LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday July 22, 2020 at 1:00 PM HHS Building, Community Room 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 Public remote attendance option: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83189919663 Conference call #: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 831 8991 9663	Iowa County Wisconsin
Meeting was called to order by Chair David Gollon at 1:05 pm.		
Roll Call. Members present: Rod Anding, Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Roger Dax, Dave Gollon, Don Leix, and Dan Nankee (via Zoom). Others present: Katie Abbott, Landon Baumgartner (via Zoom), Larry Bierke (via Zoom), Dan Spurley (via conference call)		
Approve the agenda for this July 22, 2020 meeting: Mr. Anding made a motion to approve July 22, 2020 agenda. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Approve the minutes of the June 17, 2020 meeting: Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the June 17, 2020 minutes. Sup. Nankee seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No action will be taken. Sup. Leix passed around a political ad that was printed in two local newspapers; Sup. Nankee discussed Covid19 funding for farmers, an article about farm program payment caps, and a report about farm subsidies.		
FPP Notice of Noncompliance appeal: Discussion with Mr. Spurley about his farm's compliance issues and his reasons for the appeal. Sup. Benish moved to deny the appeal and not reinstate the Spurley Farm to FPP until they receive their CAFO permit. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Aye- 5 Absention-3 Sup. Nankee, Sup. Leix, and Sup. Butteris abstained from voting. Motion carried.		
NRCS update: no update was provided		
Land + Water Association Video: video was postponed due to technical difficulties		
Blackhawk Lake Commission update: Sup. Leix reported that Dan Welsh is retiring by September 1; the Commission has concerns about people driving too fast and may install radar signs; campgrounds have been full and they've had the best quarter they've ever had. There will be no joint LCC-Commission meeting/potluck this year. Corporate Counsel has looked at the 2015 Operations Agreement and will discuss with LCC at an August meeting.		
FPP policy revision proposal: Ms. Abbott pointed out the most recent changes; discussion of the 30-day response time and probationary period. Sup. Leix moved to pass the policy on through the policy approval process. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.		
Approve cost-share rates for cropping practices and nutrient management planning: Ms. Abbott presented the Land Conservation Department's plan for cost-sharing cropland practices. Discussion of using in conjunction with FPP, funding, and standards. Sup. Benish moved to approve the plan and cost-share rates. Sup. Leix seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

Land Conservation Department updates:

- a) Second vehicle arrangement: Ms. Abbott updated the committee on the Long Range Planning Committee's direction for LCD to purchase a vehicle from Highway in 2020, requiring a budget amendment.
- b) Birch Lake valve repair timeline: Ms. Abbott went over the timeline for the DNR grant and the repair, including a December deadline for the permit application, followed by the request for bids, bid approval by DNR, the grant agreement, and a 1-year deadline to complete the repair after the agreement is signed.
- c) County Conservation virtual meeting summary: Ms. Abbott provided some highlights of her recent online meeting, including DNR's nitrate rule development and other Counties' strategies for handling compliance for landowners vs. operators.

Agenda items for future meetings: Blackhawk Lake Operations Agreement, FPP extension requests, SWIGG study update, cost-share project approvals, CREP management plan approvals, regional invasive species coordination, 2021 budget proposal (August), Land +Water video

Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday August 19, 2020 at 1:00pm, with an additional date of Wednesday August 26th at 1:00pm if more time is needed. Sup. Leix made a motion to adjourn. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.